Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts

2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Ipswich High/Middle School Performing Arts Center
134 High Street, Ipswich

10/2/2019

ESSEX, ss

To the Constable of the Town of Ipswich in said County:

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Performing Arts Center of the Ipswich High School/Ipswich Middle School, 134 High Street, in said Ipswich, on TUESDAY, THE TWENTYNINTH OF OCTOBER, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, and to hear a report from the Public Safety Building Committee, viz:

Article One – Amend Town Budget (State Aid) ***Main Motion Speaker: William Whitmore***

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2020 Municipal Budget approved under Article 3 of the May 14, 2019, Annual Town Meeting by raising and appropriating the additional sum of $62,880 to the FY20 Management Transfer account or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Town Manager
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 9-0
School Committee Recommend: 7-0

Summary: The state budget has been finalized, and the Town will receive additional Local Aid. This appropriation will be used to offset unanticipated expenses during FY2020. This sum includes the State's 75% reimbursement to the Town for veterans' benefits in FY2018, as well a general government aid. These funds go back into the Management Transfer account, which then covers unforeseen shortages in veteran's benefits or other town budgets each year. This article requires a simple majority vote.

Article Two – Amend School Budget (State Aid) ***Main Motion Speaker: Barry Hopping***

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2020 School Budget approved under Article 4 of the May 14, 2019, Annual Town Meeting by raising and appropriating the additional sum of $51,375 or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by: School Department
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend:9-0
School Committee Recommend: 7-0

Summary: The state budget has been finalized, and the Town will receive additional net Chapter 70 funds. These funds will be used to offset the cost of school expenses. This article requires a simple majority vote.

Article Three – Appropriation to Essex Tech ***Main Motion Speaker: Pavica Kneedler***

To see if the Town will amend the action taken under Article 6 of the May 14, 2019, Annual Town Meeting by reducing or increasing the Town's share of the budget appropriated for the FY2020 annual operating and debt service expenses of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by: Town Manager
Select Board Recommend: RATM
Finance Committee Recommend: RATM
School Committee Recommend: RATM

Summary: The Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District Estimated FY2020 Budget was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in the amount of $235,707. This estimate is for the tuition and estimated transportation costs of 12 students. After the October 1st official enrollment is completed, the final budget figure will be available in mid-October. The final FY2020 Budget figure will be included in the motion of this article. This article requires a simple majority vote.

Article Four – Funding for Municipal Harbor Plan *Main Motion Speaker:* **Chief Paul A. Nikas**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Waterways Improvement Fund the sum of $15,000 for the first of two installments to hire a consultant from the Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston to assist the Harbormaster and Waterways Advisory Committee in developing a Municipal Harbor Plan that will be submitted to the EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS per 301 CMR 23.00.

Requested By: Chief Paul A. Nikas, Harbormaster
Select Board Recommend: 5–0
Finance Committee Recommend:9-0

Summary: The Harbor Plan is a locally prepared and adopted plan focused on the use and management of our harbor and waterways, its resources, and adjacent waterfront land areas. The plan serves as a guide for future actions by the town, harbor users, and most importantly it is a means of communicating and coordinating the objectives of the community with government agencies with jurisdiction over the harbor.

Harbor planning is a very worthwhile undertaking for all the typical reasons planning is essential; goal setting, developing coordinated and strategic approaches, establishing funding opportunities and improving coordination of efforts among the community at large, municipal boards, and other government entities. A Harbor Plan would provide a means for our community to best determine how a diversity of harbor uses can be accommodated while incorporating protection and preparedness for sea-level rise and its effects. This plan will also minimize conflicts among a wide range of uses while maximizing protection of natural resources. A Harbor Plan is the basis for better understanding the natural and human values of the harbor, optimizing its use, and improving management of the harbor's resources. This article requires a simple majority vote.

Amount of Funding Needed: $15,000.00 Recommended Funding Source: Waterways Improvement Fund

Article Five – Off Street Parking Amendments ***Main Motion Speaker: Keith Anderson***

"To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ipswich as follows:

[Note: ~~strike through~~ = language to be deleted; ***bold italics*** = new language]

Amend Section VII. Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations as follows:

A. Amend B. Parking Requirements, Table of Minimum Parking Requirements, as shown below:

TABLE OF MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS	
Residential Uses	**Required Parking Spaces ****
1. Residence	One and a half (1½) spaces per dwelling unit~~.~~ ***with fewer than two (2) bedrooms and two (2) spaces per dwelling unit with two (2) or more bedrooms.****

* For parking associated with dwelling units created pursuant to Section IX.J (Accessory Apartments) of this zoning bylaw, the Zoning Board of Appeals may allow, as a condition of its special permit approval, only one space per accessory apartment.

** For parking associated with uses requiring a special permit, the Planning Board by special permit may reduce the required number of parking spaces by a maximum of fifty percent (50%), based on a determination that the specific use requires fewer spaces than otherwise required by the general standard.

B. Amend M. Parking and Loading Layout as shown below:

1. Layout – Required parking and loading facilities shall be laid out so that each vehicle may proceed to and from its parking space without requiring the movement of any other vehicle. The ~~Board~~ ***Special Permit Granting Authority*** may waive this requirement for parking facilities under full-time attendant supervision~~.~~ ***or for parking associated with a special permit…***

C. Insert a new subsection O to read as follows:

O. To encourage electric vehicle (EV) charging for projects that create fifteen (15) or more new vehicle spaces, excluding loading vehicle spaces, an electric vehicle charging station, at Level 2 or greater, capable of supporting a minimum of one vehicle, must be provided at a ratio of one EV charging station per fifteen (15) spaces. If the number of new spaces results in a fractional number of EV charging stations, the number must be rounded up when it reaches one half (1/2).

D. Renumber the remaining subsections accordingly."

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested By: Planning Board
Planning Board Recommend: 4-0-1
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend:9-0

Summary: Parking has emerged as a subject of keen interest for the Planning Board, Town Meeting, citizens, and the public at large. In recent months, a Parking Task Force has convened; a downtown Parking Study has been completed; a citizen's petition in May 2019 proposed raising the minimum parking requirement for residences; Town efforts to improve centrally located parking lots and enforce current on-street parking regulations have been ongoing. The efforts are primarily aimed at reducing and preventing on-street congestion.

The proposed amendment would do the following:

- *The minimum parking requirement for residences would be 2 spaces per dwelling unit with 2 or more bedrooms and 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit with fewer than 2 bedrooms. Comparatively, the current requirement is simply 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit. The proposed amendment would increase the number of off-street parking spaces required in situations where occupants are likely to own more than 1 car, while still allowing the possibility for a studio or 1 bedroom unit to have a single dedicated parking space. No change to the special permit for up to a 50% reduction is proposed.*
- *Tandem parking spaces would be allowed by waiver to be included in the total count of parking spaces in certain situations. Currently, tandem spaces can factor into the total parking count in instances where a full-time attendant supervises parking, such as at an auto repair shop. The Planning Board proposes also allowing tandem spaces, by a waiver from the Special Permit Granting Authority, in certain situations requiring a special permit. For example, tandem spaces may be appropriate in some residential settings where the spaces are shared by occupants of a single dwelling unit.*
- *Electric Vehicle Charging Stations would be required in certain new or expanded parking lots, at a ratio of 1 charging station per 15 parking spaces. The goal of the amendment is to encourage the use of electric vehicles and to introduce regulatory language that reflects current trends in automobile choices. As electric vehicles gain significant market share, the criteria for Ipswich parking lots should be updated accordingly.*

This article requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Article Six – Zoning Freeze Timeline Extension and Floodplain District Updates

Main Motion Speaker – Paul Nordberg

"To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ipswich as follows:

[Note: ~~strike through~~ = language to be deleted; ***bold italics*** = new language]

(1) Amend Section XI.R Applicability of Amendments to Outstanding Building Permits or Special Permits as follows:

As prescribed in Section 6 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, construction or operations under a building or special permit shall conform to any subsequent amendment of the bylaw unless the use or construction is commenced within a period of not more than ~~*six*~~ ***twelve*** months after the issuance of the permit…

(2) Amend Section IX. Special Regulations, D. Floodplain District, 3.d as follows:

~~In the~~ For AO zones, ~~the lowest floor of new construction of substantial improvements shall be elevated above the crown of the nearest street or above the average depth indicated within the Town of Ipswich on the Essex County FIRM~~ ***the design flood elevation shall be the elevation of the highest adjacent grade plus the flood plain depth specified on the FIRM plus one foot or the elevation of the highest adjacent grade plus three feet if no flood depth is specified***."

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested By: Planning Board
Planning Board Recommended: 5-0
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend:9-0

Summary: From time to time the State Legislature amends Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, the Zoning Act. Chapter 40A, Section 6 was amended in August of 2016 to allow a freeze from amendments to the Zoning Bylaw post-building or special permit from six months to twelve months. This article would extend the freeze to twelve months.

The Planning and Development and Building departments have been communicating with the Director of the Flood Hazard Management Program at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) regarding the FEMA Community Rating System program (https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system). The Director recommends revising a section in Chapter IX.D to accurately reflect the requirements in the current building code, the 9th Edition. Chapter IX.D, 3(d) currently reads: In the AO zones, the lowest floor of new construction of substantial improvements shall be elevated above the crown of the nearest street or above the average depth indicated within the Town of Ipswich on the Essex County FIRM. While there are no AO zones in Ipswich, there are references to the AO zone in Section IXD. Floodplain District in the Zoning Bylaw. Rather than remove all references to the AO zone, the Planning Board recommends updating the AO zone requirement to be consistent with the latest edition of the state building code. The article requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Article Seven - Average Setback Rule, Nonconforming Structures and Site Plan Review Clarifications and Amendments

Main Motion Speaker: Kevin Westerhoff

"To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ipswich as follows:

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(1) Amend Section VI. Table of Dimensional and Density Regulations, Footnotes to Table of Dimensional and Density Regulations as follows:

1. Except in the Rural Residence C, the Planned Commercial, and the Limited Industrial Districts, no building in any district need have a front setback greater than the front setback of the principal building(s) existing on the premises as of the effective date of this provision, or the average front setback of the principal buildings on abutting lots ***that wholly or partially fall*** within two hundred and fifty (250) feet of each lot line facing the same street and located within the same area or district***, measured not including the front lot line of the subject lot***, whichever is less restrictive…

(2) Amend Section II. Applicability, B. Nonconforming Uses and Structures, 3. d as follows:

Alteration to ~~***the side or face of***~~ a structure which encroaches upon a required yard or setback area, where the alteration will not encroach upon such area to a distance greater than the existing structure…

(3) Amend Section X. Site Plan Review as follows:

A. Add a new "4" under E. Submission Requirements, as follows:

4. Solar Energy Collection Assessment

A solar energy collection assessment shall be submitted, which includes an analysis for potential solar energy system(s) for the site, detailing layout and annual production; the maximum feasible solar zone area of all structures and potential ground-mounted array areas; and a final solar installation plan in cases where an applicant proposes to install a solar energy collection apparatus. Other renewable energy systems may be included in this assessment.

B. Amend C. General Standards, 12, as follows:

12. Energy, water and resource-efficient design, ~~through~~ ***such as*** appropriate building orientation, landscap~~ing~~***e design, use of solar or other energy collection apparatuses, electric vehicle charging stations, LED light fixtures*** and use of resource-efficient materials and energy- and water-efficient systems."

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Planning Board
Planning Board Recommended: 5-0
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 9-0

Summary: From time to time as the Planning, Building, Zoning, and other staff, and Planning and Zoning Boards work with the Zoning Bylaw, they encounter omissions, errors, or misleading language. Planning Staff and the Board learned that there had been some confusion about how to apply two sections of the Bylaw: (1) The "average setback rule" found in Footnote 1 to the Section VI Table of Dimensional and Density Regulations. The intent of the "average setback rule" is to allow a front setback that is the average setback of principal buildings on lots located within 250 of the subject lot in both directions along the same frontage road as the subject lot. (2) There is language in Section II.B.3.d that has caused confusion. The language describes certain structural changes that the Building Inspector may deem do not increase the nonconforming nature of a nonconforming structure.

This article would do the following: (1) Clarify the method for calculating the average setback rule. Add clarification that to measure average front setback one must measure 250 feet in both directions along the same street frontage as the subject lot, not to include the subject lot frontage, and if the average front setback of principal buildings on the other lots is less than what is required in the zoning district the average shall govern the minimum front setback on the subject lot. (2) Delete "the side or face of" from II.B.3.d to make it clearer that the language applies to any part of an existing structure that encroaches upon a required yard or setback area.

This article would also expand on condition 12 of the Site Plan Review standards to give applicants a better understanding of the Planning Board's review process. Further, the amendment would add a Site Plan Review submittal requirement for a solar energy collection assessment, which is a study of the suitability for solar energy collection but not an actual mandate for solar collection system installation. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Article Eight – Zoning Board of Appeals Composition ***Main Motion Speaker: Keith Anderson***

"To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ipswich as follows:

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(1) Amend Section XI. Administration, F. Zoning Board of Appeals, as follows:

A Zoning Board of Appeals consisting of five (5) members and ~~two (2)~~ ***three (3)*** associate members…"

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested By: Planning Board
Planning Board Recommended: 5-0
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 9-0

Summary: *Section XI. Administration, F. Zoning Board of Appeals, currently allows for a Zoning Board of Appeals consisting of five members and two associate members. This article would allow for a third associate member on the Board. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote.*

Article Nine - Amendment to Town Charter re Acting Town Manager ***Main Motion Speaker: Scott Glosserman***

To see if the Town will amend Section 8 of the Charter as set forth below:

[Note: ~~strikethrough~~ = language to be deleted ***bold italics*** = new language]

SECTION 8 Acting Town Manager.
In the event of a temporary absence ~~or disability~~ ***(not more than thirty days)*** of the Town Manager, ***the Town Manager shall appoint a qualified employee of the Town to perform the duties of that office during that period, by letter filed with the Town Clerk and the Select Board. If the Town Manager fails to make an appointment within forty-eight (48) hours, the Select Board shall appoint a qualified employee of the Town to fill the duties of that office.*** ~~the Board of Selectmen may designate an officer of the Town to perform the duties of the Town Manager until he shall return or his disability shall cease. Such an appointment must be made if~~ **If the** absence ~~or disability~~ extends beyond thirty days~~.~~ ***the Select Board may then appoint a capable person to perform the duties of the Town Manager. No member of the Select Board shall serve as Acting Town Manager.***

Requested by: Gov't Study Committee
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 6-3
School Committee Recommend: 7-0

Summary: Upon the recommendation of former and current Town Managers and to be consistent with Conflict of Interest Law, this article moves the authority for appointing an Acting Town Manager (absence of not more than 30 days) from the Select Board to the Town Manager. It also changes the appointee from "a suitable person" to a Town employee, in order to avoid conflicts of interest, provide continuity, and develop leadership within the staff. This article does not change the Select Board's responsibilities (Charter Section 7) in the event of a vacancy longer than 30 days. The article prohibits the Select Board from appointing a Select Board member as acting Town Manager which appears not to comply with State Conflict of Interest Law. This article requires a simple majority vote.

Article Ten – Changes to Demolition Review Bylaw ***Main Motion Speaker: John Fiske***

To see if the Town will amend the provisions of Chapter 138 of the General Bylaws as set forth below, or make other changes to any provision of Chapter 138 (Demolition Review)

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138-2 Definitions.

C. Significant Building – any building or portion thereof which:

1. Is in whole or in part ~~75 or more years old;~~ ***built before 1930***

138-3 Procedure.

G. Upon such determination by the Commission, the Commission shall so advise the applicant and the Building Inspector, in hand or by certified mail, within 21 days of the conduct of the hearing, and no demolition permit may be issued until ~~12~~ ***24*** months after the date of such determination by the commission, except under the conditions of Subsection H of this section. **[Amended 4-5-2004 ATM, approved by the Attorney General 5-3-2004]**

Requested by: Historical Commission
Select Board Recommend: 3-2
Finance Committee Recommend: 9-0, (Take No Action)

Summary: This article would make three changes to the Demolition Review Bylaw: 1) It would establish a cutoff date for a "significant building" of 1930, where currently any building 75 or more years old is considered a "significant building and 2) extends the maximum period for actual demolition delay from 12 months to 24 months.

Article Eleven – Change Procedures for Town Meeting Warrant ***Main Motion Speaker: Jim Engel***

To see if the Town will amend the provisions of Chapter 25 of the General Bylaws as set forth below, or make other changes to any provision of Chapter 25 (Town Meeting):

[Note: ~~strikethrough~~ = language to be deleted ***bold italics*** = new language]

25-2. Annual Town Meeting.

A. The Annual Town Meeting of the Town shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month of May and at a time as specified by the Select Board in the warrant, and all business, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law or by this chapter, is required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at that meeting or at an adjournment thereof to another day. That part of the Annual Town Meeting devoted to the election of officers and the determination of such questions as by law or by this chapter are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be held on a Tuesday in May not less than seven nor more than 15 days after the first date of said meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Article I, Bond Appropriations, of this chapter.

Citizens' petitions seeking inclusion of an article on a Town Meeting warrant pursuant to MGL c. 39, § 10 may be submitted at any time prior to the date set by the Select Board for closure of the warrant. If no Town Meeting is scheduled at the time of the submission of a citizens' petition containing less than 200 signatures, it will be held for the next Town Meeting for which it has an adequate number of signatures. The warrant for ~~a~~ ***any*** Town Meeting ***shall be closed no sooner than sixty (60) days before the first session of the subject Town Meeting***~~, once opened, shall remain open for at least seven calendar days~~. The Select Board shall have the authority to insert any article~~, for~~ ***in*** the warrant of ~~the Annual~~ ***any*** Town Meeting at any time before ~~the~~ posting ~~of~~ the ***text of the warrant*** for ***that*** ~~the Annual~~ Town Meeting ***as set forth in this chapter***.

25-3. Special Town Meeting.

A. The balloting on all appropriations arising at a Special Town Meeting, the adoption of which is required by the provisions of Section ~~6~~ ***25-1*** of this chapter to be by printed ballot, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article I, Bond Appropriations, of this chapter not ***fewer*** ~~less~~ than eight nor more than 15 days after the said meeting, and the said meeting shall adjourn to such date as is determined for the purpose of balloting. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open for such balloting may be designated by the meeting.

B. The Select Board shall give ~~at least three calendar days'~~ notice of their intention to ~~open a warrant for~~ ***call*** a Special Town Meeting, by ***(1)*** publication in a newspaper published in, or having a general circulation in, the Town of Ipswich, ***(2) by prominently posting notice in the Town Clerk's office and in the Ipswich Public Library, and (3) in 14-point font displayed on the home page of the Town website,*** ~~unless in their judgment public interest would suffer by such a delay~~.

C. The warrant for a Special Town Meeting~~, once opened,~~ shall remain open for at least ~~seven~~ ***ten*** calendar days ***following publication of notice, unless the Select Board determines that the public interest would suffer by such a delay***.

25-4. Warrants.

A. In all warrants for ***all*** Town Meetings, the Select Board or Town Manager shall indicate after each article the Town board or officer requesting it, or if the subject of the article has been requested in writing by the required number of registered voters as provided in MGL c. 39, § 10, the name of at least one of the petitioners who signed the request.

B. ***Notice of the date, time, and place of all Town Meetings shall be by publication in a newspaper published in, or having a general circulation in, the Town of Ipswich. The entire text of*** all warrants for ***all*** Town Meetings, except notices of adjournment, shall be served by ***prominently*** posting ***it in the Town Clerk's office and in the Ipswich Public Library as well as through a link included in an announcement published in 14-point font on the home page of the Town website.*** ~~attested copies thereof in the Town Hall, and in at least one public place in each by publication in a newspaper published, or having a general circulation in, the Town of Ipswich, at least seven days prior to the time for holding the Annual Town Meeting and at least 14 days prior to the time for holding any Special Town Meeting. Newspaper publication shall not be required for warrants solely related to elections.~~

Requested by: Town Moderator
Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 4-5 (Opposed)
School Committee Recommend: 7-0

Summary: This proposed change to the bylaw regulating the warrant process would do two things: do away with the "opening" and "closing" of the warrant and modernize the publication requirements. It would also make grammatical changes to the bylaw.

The current bylaw suggests that the warrant is only open, meaning available for citizens to add articles by petition, for a limited period. This proposed change clarifies that citizen's petitions can be filed at any time. It also requires that the warrant remain open to such petitions until at least 60 days before the scheduled meeting date. This 60-day period should afford plenty of time for the boards and committees to review, conduct hearings on, and report to the voters on the articles. The proposed change also extends the period in which citizens petitions' may be submitted for special town meetings from seven days to ten.

The current posting process, requiring publication of the full text of the warrant in the newspaper and posting in each of the four precincts, is expensive and outdated; and that's especially the case with the newspaper now being regional and not being exclusive to Ipswich. The proposed change would still require newspaper notice of the date, time and place of Town Meetings, but would require posting of the full text only in Town Hall, in the Ipswich Public Library, and on the

Town website. The proposed change would also require prominent notices on the home page of the Town's website regarding both the calling of all Town Meetings and the posting of the warrant.

With this change, all citizens will have time to insert articles and will get plenty of notice of when the Select Board plans to hold the meeting and what will be on the warrant. This article requires a simple majority vote.

Article Twelve – Change to Marijuana Bylaws ***Main Motion Speaker: Spencer Kalker***

To see if the Town will amend the provisions of Chapter 160-1 of the General Bylaws as set forth below, or make any other changes to Chapter 160-1:

[Note: ~~strikethrough~~ = language to be deleted ***bold italics*** = new language]

160-1. Marijuana establishments forbidden.

The operation of any marijuana establishment, as defined in MGL c. 94G, § 1, ~~including, without limitation, a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer~~, ***that conducts adult-use marijuana retail sales*** ~~marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business,~~ within the Town is prohibited. ***Notwithstanding the provisions of the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ipswich,*** this prohibition shall not apply to the ~~sale, distribution or~~ cultivation, ***processing, or testing*** of marijuana for ***adult use nor shall it apply to the sale***, ~~distribution~~ ***cultivation, processing or testing of marijuana*** for medical purposes licensed under Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012

Requested by: Spencer Kalker
7 Jewett Hill Road
Ipswich, MA 01938

Select Board Recommend: 5-0
Finance Committee Recommend: 8-1

Summary: The intent of these changes is to allow for the cultivation, processing, and testing of cannabis for both recreational and medical marijuana in the town of Ipswich. This does not change the prohibition on recreational sales. This article requires a simple majority vote.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the Town Hall and in at least one public place in each precinct and by publication in a newspaper published, or having a general circulation in, the Town of Ipswich at least fourteen days prior to the time for holding the Special Town Meeting.

Given unto our hands this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

TOWN OF IPSWICH
SELECT BOARD

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